INTERCOLLEGIATE BROADCASTING SYSTEM

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Chicago Meeting

A very fine combination national and regional IBS meeting was held at Nortwestern University (Evanston Campus) on February 12 and 13. I am sorry that even more stations were not represented, but the notice given was unavoidably short, and came at the start of the second semester when communication is not ideal, people being away, etc. Ten IBS stations were represented by undergraduates, and one other by an alumnus. Miss Judith Waller of NBC, Hale Aarnes of Stephens, George Snyder of Olivet Nazarene, Myron Curry now doing graduate work at U. of Wisconsin, and Tolly Browde, IBS Station Relations Manager also were present. Mr. Ansel Ressler of Northwestern acted as our host, and provided for our requirements as the meeting progressed. On Sunday Mr. Donley Fedderson of Northwestern also was present, and arranged a very interesting tour of the studio facilities at Northwestern, including a demonstration of the Magnecord tape recorder.

A complete listing of those present is typed below:

Miss Sally Joy		Station KCLC, Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo.
Miss Diane Durham		Station KWC, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
Mr. Roy H. Rodgers		Station WETN, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.
Mr. Roger L. Williams		Trial Station, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.
Mr. Robert W. Mallory		Station WCIT, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Penna.
Mr. Charles E. Haynes		Station WINI, University of Illinois, Galesburg, Ill.
Mr. William E. Bryant		" " " " " " "
Mr. John T. Mazzio		Station KOCU, Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.
Mr. Tim Sullivan		" " " " " "
Mr. John Jones	(*)	Station WONC, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill.
Mr. Craig Baum	(*)	" " " " " " "
Mr. George A. Snyder	(*)	" " " " " " "
Mr. Roger F. Brook		Station WBWR, Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin
Mr. Robert Penticoff		" " " " " "
Mr. Irvin M. Hoff	(WMIB)	Graduate of Manchester College, Manchester, Ind.
Mr. Leon C. Lubinsky	(**)	Station KNRL, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa
Mr. Myron M. Curry	(**)	University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
Miss Judith Waller	(**)	National Broadcasting Sys., Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Hale Aarnes		Station KWMC, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
Mr. Anatole Browde		IBS, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Mr. Ansel Ressler		Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.
Mr. Donley Fedderson		" " " "
Mr. David W. Borst		IBS, Schenectady, New York

Notes: (*) Present Saturday only (**) Present Sunday only. Mr. William D. Thompson of WETN, Wheaton, appeared briefly. He was participating in a debating contest.

The meeting opened Saturday morning with a brief report from the representatives ofStephens, Lindenwood, U. of Illinois (Galesburg), Wheaton, Earlham, Carnegie Tech., Creighton, Olivet Nazarene and Beloit of the facilities of their respective radio stations and the type of programming being done. Mr. Ressler of Northwestern than briefly described the radio class work and programs being done at Northwestern. After lunch Mr. Browde discussed various national IBS problems, including the project of obtaining field strength data. There was considerable discussion about the cooperative purchase of field strength meters, but the stations represented said they could not afford to purchase a share in such a meter, even though they recognized that to rent such an instrument might cost almost as much. The need for obtaining data at once was stressed, and those present agreed to try to borrow meters and thus take the necessary readings.

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Following the discussion meeting there was a tour of two of the studios at Northwestern and a demonstration of the Magnecord tape recorder. This unit appeared to be a good compromise between cost and good performance, especially when the unit with three channel remote amplifier is purchased, since this eliminates need for a separate remote amplifier.

There was no formal meeting Saturday evening. Several informal groups were formed among the delegates. On Sunday the meeting reconvened about eleven o'clock, and the meeting was turned over to Miss Diane Durham who conducted a meeting to discuss matters for her region, the Midwestern Region. It was agreed to inaugurate a regional program exchange by means of disc transcriptions. Each station represented agreed to provide one 15 or 30 minute transcribed program. Miss Durham agreed to write those stations not represented and urge them to participate. After a certain deadline, the transcriptions received would be circulated among those stations sending them in. It was decided to use disc recordings, even though many of the stations in the region had tape recorders, because it was felt fidelity on discs would be better, and it was known that every station had facilities to play discs.

It was found that while at present there are only three full Members in the Midwestern Region, there are fifteen stations in the IBS which are currently broadcasting. The remaining stations are Trial groups. The fifteen stations are at: Augustana, Beloit, Cornell College, Lindenwood, Creighton, U. of Ill. (Galesburg), MacMurray, Macalester, Manchester, U. of Minnesota, Olivet Nazarene, South Dakota State College of A&M, Stephens, Wheaton and Graceland Junior College. It was resolved that Trial groups in the region would be given the programming services of the region for three months, after they indicate they are in a position to make use of them (i.e. are on the air). At the end of that time if they have not applied for full Membership in the IBS, these programming services will be dropped. The regional Representative is to advise the Station Relations Manager whenever a new station is added to the list of those participating in theprogramming services of the region.

It was also agreed to start a regional Newsletter along the lines of the one currently in operation in New York State. Publication date for the first issue is March 15, and three issues are planned for this Spring. The plan is for each station to duplicate news about its activities, and send at least 30 copies to the Regional Representative who will bind together one copy of each report received by the deadline date and mail the resulting newsletter to each station in the region and 15 copies to the IBS Operations Manager for distribution among other regional Representatives and key national officers.

Also discussed at the meeting was the relative advantages of full Membership in the IBS and Trial Status. It was explained that Trial Status is primarily for groups who are building their stations, and once a station starts broadcasting it should apply for full Membership in order to be assured of getting the maximum benefit from membership in the System. A chart will be attached to this Newsletter indicating the services rendered by the IBS to Trial groups, Trial groups which have applied for full Membership, full Members, and Affiliate groups. Once a station applies for full Membership, this status will be granted as soon as the national officers are satisfied that the station is operating in accordance with the Codes of the IBS (Copies of these are in the Station Executive's Handbook). There may be a period of several months before full Membership is granted. During this period the station will be accorded every service accorded full Members, with the exception that it will not be included on the National Advertising Rate Card, and the station will not be permitted to vote in elections for regional Representative.

Mr. Browde agreed to increase his efforts to see that all Trial groups now eligible for full Membership apply for it in the near future.

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Eddy Duchin Show, Navy Band Series

George Abraham has arranged for these two transcribed shows put out by the US Navy. Twenty four IBS stations have already signified a desire to receive the Duchin show, and will get it. Others were notified to contact the Navy if they desired it. All Member and Trial groups will receive a Navy Band concert series, transcribed, starting in April.

UNESCO Weekly News Program

George Abraham also has arranged for copies of the UNESCO's weekly news scripts to be mailed to all IBS stations starting February 19. The scripts will contain about 10 brief news items and on five or six minute discussion on a major development. They will be prepared by the Paris headquarters of UNESCO- the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is hoped the stations in the System will find these scripts valuable, and will use them.

Great Scenes from Great Plays Transcriptions

Program Manager Tak Kako announced that the Great Scenes from Great Plays transcriptions were sent out February 7. The size of the job prevented doing it in December, as previously hoped. Tak prepared a very complete listing of the 16 transcribed programs involved, which are to be played through the weeks of Feb. 20 to May 29. The transcriptions are being distributed on a round-robin basis, it not being possible to obtain a copy of each show for each station. Twenty seven stations are participating. They are: Columbia, Bard, Trinity, U. of Conn. @ New London, U. of Conn. @ Storrs, Brown, R.I. State, Union, Sampson, Clarkson, Hobart, Cornell, Rochester, Macalester, Olivet, U. of Illinois @ Galesburg, MacMurray, Olivet Nazarene, Lindenwood, Bethany, VPI, North Carolina State, U. of South Carolina, U. of Alabama, South Dakota State College of A&M, St. Mary's U. of Southern Methodist University.

Field Strength Measurements

Ted Conant, Regional Engineer for the Middle Atlantic Region, has been active taking field strength readings at Swarthmore, Temple, Haverford and U. of Penn. with the help of the staff members of these stations. Data is now being submitted to Herb Barlow. Ed Schiffmacher, on the faculty at Cornell, has also submitted some data on the station there. More and better data is needed, however! Be sure to follow the instructions given on TI-3011, which has been sent to all stations.

only 5 stations total?

Technical Data Book

We have assembled 50 more data books, and some are on their way to new Trial groups. A number of the older stations will be entitled to this new book as soon as they send in their old one for revision, and bring their dues up to date. We also sent out to about 50 stations who now hold Edition III (having paid their dues last Spring) new pages giving information on r.f. transmission system, audio amplifiers, studio construction, and audio lines connections.

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Microgroove Recording

Ted Conant reports great success with making microgroove recordings on his 33 1/3 recording lathe. He had a special lead screw and mating part made for this turntable, and purchased a stylus with .001" radius from Capp's in New York. He reports 20 minutes on one side of a 12 inch blank, and 40 minutes on one side of a 16 inch blank. Thus, you can record a 30 minute show on one turntable, and play it back without flipping the disc in the middle! The smaller discs are suitable for 15 minute shows and can be played back on a conventional LP record player. The standard Orthacoustic recording characteristic used for conventional 33 1/3 ET's is very close to the LP recording characteristic. This looks to me like a "natural". More stations should be doing it! Ted reports very good life for instantaneous transcriptions recorded LP.

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IER Meeting

We are making plans now for the Institute for Education in Radio meeting at Columbus Ohio which is held each year in the early part of May. This meeting always draws a number of educators in radio. In previous years there has been a panel discussion on campus wired-radio. This year the discussion will be on a weekend and will be led by Howard Hansen of MacMurray College. The Executive Committee also is considering having a Governing Council meeting at this time. It appears that most of the Executives will be able to make the meeting.

We urge all of you to attend this session. It provides a chance for students to meet older people in the radio industry; it enables faculty members to exchange views, renew friendships. This year we should in some way show the strength of the growing campus station movement. The best way is to attend this meeting. So keep in in mind; you will receive further word about the program and other details as the date approaches.

New Members

Station WRUR at the University of Rochester and WRSB at Sampson College were granded full Membership February 14. We are processing an apllication from WRPI at RPI, and others.

Call Letters

The station at Beloit was assigned the call WBWR by the FCC; the station at Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science has been assigned KSBD; the Station at St. Bonaventure College received WOFM. These last two stations are new Trial grours not previously reported.

Philadelphia Inquirer Collegiate Network

The Philadelphia Inquirer Collegeiate Network started broadcasting on February 21. The network is financed by this newspaper, which operates WFIL, WFIL-FM and WFIL-TV, and the net embraces Swarthmore, Temple and U. of Penn. Haverford and outlying living areas associated with Temple were tied in for the big broadcast Feb. 22 when Harold Stassen spoke at the mid-year commencement at Temple. We are making arrangements to have some of the better programs recorded on tape for possible future use. Each station will feed the net part of the day; during the morning it will be fed by WFIL. Temple does much of its broadcasting in the afternoon. Thus, programs will be available almost the entire normal 16 hour day. This will enable the stations connected with the net to increase their broadcasting times without increasing their staff.

Connecticut Valley Network

Tome Edsall of Trinity College called Feb. 20 to ask for information about a network which is being considered for the Connecticut River Valley. It would embrace WRUM, U. of Conn @ Ft. Trumbull, WES, Wesleyan, WRTC, Trinity, and WCSR, Smith. A meeting was held at Smith two weeks previously to get things started. No date for opening the network has been set as yet.

FCC Developments

Hale Aarnes of Stephens has writtenfaculty members at forty six colleges in the Midwest enlisting their support for the wired-radio campus radio movement. He is now preparing a brief expanding the stand taken in his letter, which was back up by a gratifying response from those whome he wrote, this brief to be included in the case which the IBS will lay before the Commission once the matter is formally opened. Meanwhile, the Commission seems to be moving deliberately on this point, and word reached us February 17 that they planned to first release a very tentative proposal for discussion purposes only. If this is done it will indeed be fortunate because we will gain more time to formulate our stand.

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